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Bordello mom did it for the girls: Lawyer

Teen son introduced his mother to brothel workers: Crown

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A Winnipeg mom met prospective new sex-trade employees for her brothel through her son who befriended them after working together at a telephone chat line for troubled youth, a Manitoba court has heard.

Police and justice officials uncovered this and other surprising details about the city's sex-trade after being tipped to probe activities at the now-shuttered bordello on a quiet Wolseley street in June 2009.

A 48-year-old mother of two pleaded guilty yesterday to running a bawdy house. The Crown dropped other charges, including a count of corrupting children. The criminal case against the woman's ex-husband was also quashed.

A publication ban prevents publishing any information identifying people at the heart of the high-profile case, including the woman's children, who were 11 and 17 at the time of her arrest and lived in the home.

"She preyed on no-one. What she did was illegal, yes. But she tried to provide a safe environment for those who chose to participate." LAWYER EVAN ROITENBERG

A system was in place to ensure the younger child wasn't there when clients visited, court heard.

Following two weeks of surveillance, a police raid led to the seizure of business records showing the woman employed upwards of 12 sex-trade workers across various periods starting in early 2008.

The records included schedules of workers' various shifts, along with financial ledgers and internet chat logs, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Deborah McCawley was told.

A handful of young adults agreed to go work at the brothel after being introduced to the woman by her son, said Crown attorney Michael Desautels. They worked together at a telephone help line for teens that is no longer in operation.

"They became friends with (him) … eventually has them over at the house and eventually there was introductions," said Desautels. The discussions "raised the specter of what his mother did," he said. "That led to a more direct conversation between (the woman) … about whether or not they'd be interested in being involved in that business."

Defence lawyer Evan Roitenberg said the woman, who no longer lives in Winnipeg, opened the brothel after becoming "genuinely concerned for sex-trade workers and their plight," at a young age.

The house was meant as a "safe haven" for the woman and others who chose to participate in the lifestyle, Roitenberg said.

McCawley reserved sentencing to a later date.

We. Unite

▶ Local homeless advocate and Ladybug Foundation founder Hannah Taylor listens while Free the Children co-founder Craig Kielburger talks about Winnipeg's first We Day, happening Nov. 23.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

We Day headed this way

Performers and speakers at We Day will include Hannah Taylor, Al Gore, local band Neverest, Hedley, Mia Farrow, Rick Hansen and many more. For the full list and video on why We Day is coming to Winnipeg, visit metronews.ca/winnipeg.

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Passenger detained after an unhappy landing

Police say a passenger who managed to get on board an Air Canada plane with booze and a lighter caused a disturbance that diverted the flight to Winnipeg.

A man who boarded the aircraft in Edmonton on Tuesday afternoon was loud and belligerent and refused directions from the crew to be quiet, police said yesterday.

Crew members noticed he had a bottle of hard liquor, believed to be vodka, police added.

"They observed that he was in possession of some alcohol. They made attempts to retrieve that," Const. Jason Michalyshen said. "Things just quite simply escalated to the point where he tried to light a cigarette.

"A crew member tried to take that lighter or cigarette away.

"I think the male grabbed onto the crew member's wrist or arm, not causing any serious injuries, but things quite simply were escalating."

The plane, on its way to Toronto, turned around and landed in Winnipeg, where police moved in.

Byron Pinksen, 41, of Grande Prairie, Alta., faces six charges that include uttering threats, mischief endangering life and damaging or interfering with a crew member.

He has been detained at the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

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Five-year plan. To cost $105 million

▶ Nancy Allan keeps her young audience entranced.

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Class sizes capped, but first it's time for a little chat

Education Minister Nancy Allan talks Halloween costumes yesterday with, from left, Christy Kenny, Marissa Kenny, 3, Renee Agren and daughters Shyanne, 4, and Mataya, 3, just before announcing a cap on class sizes — to a maximum of 20 kids for kindergarten to Grade 3. The plan will be rolled out over the next five years and will cost $105 million, Allan said.

Filling the 'Peg with glee

Hot 103's Chrissy Troy to host — and maybe sing ◐ Proceeds to charity

It's a unique way to tackle a big challenge.

For the second year in a row, organizers have pulled together three of Winnipeg's unique singing groups for the Glee Sing Off, happening at the Delta Winnipeg tonight.

Local a-cappella groups Those Guys and Interchord will take part, as well as community choir the Winnipeg Glee Club.

Also, the three groups will join together for a finale — and this will include a surprise soloist who is no stranger to anyone familiar with the Winnipeg music scene.

All proceeds for the night go to the Sara Riel Foundation, which provides support services for people with mental disabilities.

Tickets are $100, include dinner and a tax receipt and can be purchased by calling 334-8342.

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▶ Local groups Those Guys, Interchord and the Winnipeg Glee Club rehearse for Thursday night's show at the Delta Winnipeg hotel.

1 news

A recent scientific breakthrough might be enough to persuade George H.W. Bush to reconsider his stance on broccoli. Scan the code for the story.

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Rina's ready to rage, but who's scared?

'I'll go to the bar,' tourist says as hurricane targets Mexico resorts

Fishing towns were evacuated and schools closed on Mexico's Caribbean coast yesterday as Hurricane Rina took aim at Cancun and the island of Cozumel.

Cruise ships shifted their routes in the face of expected storm surges, waves and heavy rains.

Officials said they were readying shelters that could handle nearly 200,000 people.

Many tourists were leaving — but some were planning to ride out Rina.

"I'll go to the bar," said Douglas Baird, 40, of Glasgow, Scotland.

Wendy Powers, a 49-year-old from Louisiana, said she wasn't worried.

"We had Katrina and we survived it," Powers said.

"If the one coming here is a Category 1 or 2, we could have a beach party."

The area was ravaged by Hurricane Wilma in 2005, when Cancun's famous white-sand beaches were largely washed away.

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Rina's rage

- Rina packed winds of about 175 kilometres an hour yesterday, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center, making it a Category 2 storm.

Italy. Streets caked with mud

▶ A street in Monterosso, Italy, was a sea of mud yesterday after floods swept in. A victim died in the coastal town while trying to clear gutters. Nationally, at least nine people have been killed by storm-sparked floodwaters.

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Italy lashed by killer floods

Torrential rains have lashed Italy from its northern Alps to the southern island of Sicily, causing flash floods that killed at least nine people and left six others missing, officials said yesterday. Roads and bridges were swept away and several towns in Liguria were cut off from the outside world. Rome was under a flood alert.

Turkey earthquake wipes out one man's family

Murat Sonmez's mother, wife and four daughters were crushed to death in their Ercis, Turkey, home by the 7.2-magnitude earthquake, leaving him so distraught he found it difficult to speak.

While media coverage has centred on tales of against-the-odds rescues including a two-week-old baby girl who was pulled alive from the rubble, most stories of the trapped have ended the way that Sonmez knows, with death and unfathomable pain for those left behind.

"I was not at home," Sonmez said, lapsing into silence at times yesterday. "God gave them, God took them away. I can't find anything to say.

"I can't describe my pain," he said as he stood by a levelled four-story apartment building.

He listed the dead: 32-year-old wife Meral, four daughters — two-year-old Nisa Nur, seven-year-old Meryem, 12-year-old Asli and 15-year-old Meral — and his 65-year-old mother, Hatice. They lived on the second floor, above some businesses. The third and fourth floors were occupied by Sonmez's brother and father, who managed to escape.

Elsewhere in Ercis, the town hit hardest by the quake, two teachers and a university student were rescued from ruined buildings yesterday, but searchers said hopes of finding anyone else alive were rapidly fading.

NTV television said 25-year-old teacher Seniye Erdem was pulled out around the same time that rescue workers also freed another teacher.

The woman was thirsty and asked about her husband, who had died, it said.

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▶ Hopes begin to dim as loved ones wait for news of trapped victims in Ercis, Turkey, yesterday.

Hundreds killed

- The 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck eastern Turkey on Sunday, killing at least 461 people.

Pumpkins dumped onto freeway

Road workers found themselves plowing pulp after a truck dumped a load of pumpkins on a Detroit-area freeway during the morning commute.

Hundreds of pumpkins were scattered yesterday across several lanes of traffic on a highway in Farmington Hills, Mich.

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Canadians delaying retirement: StatsCan

Older Canadians are opting to spend more of their golden years on the job, continuing an ongoing trend of delaying retirement, according to a new study.

Research from Statistics Canada finds that a 50-year-old worker in 2008 could expect to stay in the labour force 3.5 years longer than would have been the case in the mid-1990s.

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$350M pledged to food program

Canada has pledged a total of $350 million over five years to the World Food Program and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda says some of the money will help the UN agency feed people facing natural disaster and humanitarian crisis.

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The dark world of Mexico's cops

Policing in Monterrey, Mexico, has become risky business
This year so far, 100 officers have been killed
Metro delves into the world of Mexico's law enforcers and spends a day with them to learn how they work

METRO WORLD NEWS IN MONTERREY, MEXICO

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▶ Being a police officer is a dangerous profession in Mexico, as cops receive constant death threats from drug-gang members. Inset: Attacks on police are now commonplace.

Being a cop in Monterrey is considered a high-risk profession. The police in the capital of Mexico's northeastern state of Nuevo León receive constant death threats from drug-gang members and then do battle with them on the streets. Some extort money from citizens to make up for their meagre wages. Others receive payments from traffickers and become a halcón, or hawk, a kind of cartel informant.

If a cop doesn't comply with warring narcotic cartels, he'll be targeted and removed. So far this year, 100 law enforcers have been killed either by gunfire or grenade explosions.

At 7 p.m., we join a squadron in a local police station in downtown Monterrey. The team of three men and a woman begin patrolling Vista Hermosa, the Jewish quarter of the city until 7 a.m. At the doors to a convenience store, the guards stand on duty while eating some snacks. They carry high-calibre weapons and are protected by bulletproof vests. They drive an amped-up pickup truck.

Drinking on the street, grand and petty theft, damage to personal and commercial property and carrying weapons are the most common crimes in one night. On a quiet night, this station receives up to seven complaints of grand theft auto.

"I'd like to see a militarization of the police force. It's time to allow the army to patrol the streets of our cities"
ERVEY CUELLAR, MEMBER OF THE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC SECURITY FOR THE STATE OF NUEVO LEÓN

Back at the convenience store, we notice that the law enforcement officials are calm and chat among themselves. And yet, clientele at the convenience store look restless and agitated by the presence of the police, undoubtedly due to the bad image they have earned over the years, either because they are easy targets for criminals to shoot at, or because they are easy pawns for drug traffickers to exploit and use.

Last February, Homero Guillermo Salcido Treviño, head of intelligence for Nuevo León state, was found dead, his body in a truck that caught fire in the centre of Monterrey — after he was kidnapped by two fellow officers.

2,400
Number of uniformed police officers working in Nuevo León. Monthly salaries for law enforcers are set on average at 15,500 pesos or $1,160.

"The worst thing is you do not know which of your colleagues is selling you out to the bad guys," said one of Treviño's relatives.

In truth, it appears what comes out of your pocket could be the real difference between life or death, as we found out in our night in the police station's jail cells.

Police corruption

1 In the San Pedro district of Monterrey, those arrested for drunk driving offences can accelerate the processing of their case by paying law enforcers a small fee. Foreign nationals, however, are exempt from this processing to avoid diplomatic confrontations and are released immediately.

2 Up to $150 in cash is what detainees have to pay upfront to avoid a night in the cells.

3 While in some municipalities in the Monterrey metropolitan area drivers can get rid of the penalties for drunk driving for up to $8, bribing a San Pedro traffic official becomes an impossible mission.

4 Out of 100 times police filed a report, 10.3 times the citizens paid a fee. On average they pay up to $13. More than 200 million acts of corruption reportedly occurred last year at all government levels, costing Mexican citizens around $2.4 billion.

Field notes

A NIGHT IN THE CELLS

From the first minute I knew I was going into the local police station in downtown Monterrey my nerves went wild. By the back entrance, prisoners arrive, mostly for minor offences or positive alcohol tests.

Out of a group of two men and one women, all of whom seem to be friends, one man is free to go. The 30-something is told his friends could be set free if they each pay $150. If not, 12 hours in the cells.

Beside the front door of the police station is an ATM from where he could get the money.

The police do not lose sight of the guy. He pays the fine; however, the police ask him to accompany them. They go down to the basement.

There, another officer asks for an increase in payment to speed up the release of his friends.

"How much is it?" the guy asks. "How much do you have?" the policeman replies.

The young man offers $37, but the police say they will not accept anything less than $225.

Again the police escort him to the ATM and ask if he has more money.

The man says his account has reached the limit and he can't withdraw more cash.

In the end, the 24-year-old girl is set free. It takes two hours for the second guy to be released.

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Wheat board sues government

- Minister calls court challenge reckless, baseless
- Board's chief says farmers will lose $500M a year

Calling Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his government bullies, the chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board has made good on a promise to take the government to court over legislation to strip the board of its monopoly.

"This Harper government has acted illegally and unethically in its attacks on the Canadian Wheat Board and it must be stopped," Allen Oberg said yesterday on a family farm on the western edge of Winnipeg.

Standing in front of a grain bin, Oberg was backed by the farmer-elected board that runs the marketing agency, but he admitted the decision to pursue legal action wasn't unanimous. He was flanked by six of the 10 directors as he made his announcement.

"We have no choice but to take this stand on behalf of farmers. We will not be intimidated by bullying tactics."
ALLEN OBERG, CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD CHAIRMAN

The division on the board has already led one director to resign his seat. Henry Vos of Fairview, Alta., said he disagrees with what Oberg and the rest of the board are doing.

"What is happening at the CWB today is, in a word, wrong," Vos said in an open letter outlining his decision.

"To continue to work within the existing dysfunctional CWB board would be a disservice to those who voted for me as their director. It would also be a disservice to all the farmers who want change and an option of using a voluntary CWB."

Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz was quick to say Oberg and the rest of the board have little chance of succeeding in court. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Winter. Storm

▶ Mitch Buthod of the Boulder Forestry Dept. clears large limbs from the yard of a home in Boulder, Co., yesterday.

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Power knocked out

A winter storm knocked out power to at least 62,000 homes and businesses along the Front Range yesterday. The area from Boulder north to Larimer County has received most of the snowfall in the eastern half of the state.

Quebec will not bite bullet on gun registry

The Harper government's plan to not only kill the long-gun registry but subsequently bury its data has run into resistance in Quebec, which wants to bring the controversial program back from the dead.

The provincial government says it intends to keep using the gun registry on its territory and will fiercely oppose plans to destroy the data.

Speaking at a news conference in Quebec City, Public Security Minister Robert Dutil yesterday refused to rule out legal action among his options.

A spokesman later explained that the province's Plan A is to maintain a respectful dialogue with Ottawa and negotiate a mechanism to save the records. If that fails, Plan B options will be weighed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Two surveys, same consumer dread

Consumer confidence hits lowest level since 2009, representing the fifth decline over the last six months

Consumer confidence has dipped to levels last reported two and a half years ago during the depths of the recession, as Canadians grapple with higher everyday costs, record debt and fears of major downturn.

The Conference Board of Canada said yesterday that its index of consumer confidence fell 3.3 points to 71.8. The index, based on a survey conducted this month, is measured against a reading of 100 in 2002.

The drop overshadows a slight improvement in September after a dismal report in August.

A separate survey released yesterday by the Royal Bank of Canada garnered the same results. Both indicators come as Canadians deal with higher prices for gasoline, food and clothing, record debt loads spurred by ultra-low interest rates, and stock market turmoil that has eroded nest eggs amid signs of slowing economic growth.

'If you look at the economic environment of late and all the doom and gloom out there and talk of double-dip recession and Europe default and the like, obviously consumers are picking up on that negative sentiment,' said Craig Wright, chief economist at RBC.

Economists watch consumer confidence closely because household spending accounts for more than half of overall economic activity in Canada. However, it can be an unreliable indicator because it relies on what people say about their intentions rather than their actual behaviour.

Slower growth could put pressure on hiring as well, spelling trouble for Canadians who have taken advantage of record low interest rates to amass record levels of debt.

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▶ A Royal Bank of Canada sign is shown in Toronto's financial district. A survey by the Royal Bank of Canada suggests more than half of Canadians have no savings set aside for a rainy day and many who do dip into them to help pay for everyday expenses.

BANK OF CANADA

High gas prices are for real

The Bank of Canada says Canadians aren't imagining things when they notice gas prices are unusually high given the posted price of crude oil.

The bank confirmed yesterday that the price of gasoline in Canada has increased by more than the price of WTI (West Texas Intermediate) oil.

And gas prices have largely failed to decline in conjunction with WTI.

That doesn't mean Canadians are getting ripped off. The bank said gas prices are generally composed of the price of crude, taxes and profit margins for refineries and retailers.

Prices have increased since the introduction of the HST. But, the main reason is that Canadian refineries use WTI crude for only about half their requirements, the rest coming from Brent North Sea oil.

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Lawsuit up for RIM?

Canadian BlackBerry users affected by Research In Motion's global outage earlier this month are being asked to join in a proposed class-action lawsuit seeking refunds for the downtime.

Consumer Law Group Inc. of Montreal said it has filed a suit against RIM and claims the company has failed to directly compensate BlackBerry users, who pay monthly data fees to wireless carriers.

'The class action involves RIM's failure to take action to either directly compensate BlackBerry users or to indirectly compensate BlackBerry users by arranging for wireless service providers to refunds their customers and to take full responsibility for these damages,' the group said in a statement.

RIM is offering its 70 million BlackBerry customers worldwide $100 worth of pre-selected software applications from its BlackBerry App World. Users have complained they don't want the apps and would prefer to be compensated by RIM via their wireless carrier bills.

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Investors take a hit for Greece

Private investors agreed this morning to accept losses of 50 per cent on their Greek bonds, an official said, removing the last apparent roadblock to a broad European plan to solve the continent's debt crisis.

At an emergency summit in Brussels, European leaders had already agreed to force banks to raise $148 billion US by June — partially to ensure they could weather the expected losses on Greek debt. They also neared agreement on boosting the firepower of the continent's bailout fund to prevent larger economies from needing of a rescue like Greece's.

The leaders are under immense pressure to finalize their plan after multiple delays and half-baked solutions. Market confidence was waning and fears were growing that the two-year-old crisis could push Europe and much of the developed world back into recession.

But the third prong of their plan — finding a way to reduce Greece's crushing debts — had been proving difficult. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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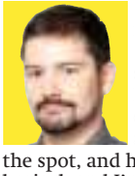

The U.S. has been a beacon for millions of people, but I'm probably the only person who's ever wanted to head there because of Republican presidential debates.

Yes, America's Grand Old Party is calling and I'm starting to listen.

Now before you have me maple-syruped and feathered, let me be clear: I love Canada. Anne Murray's as sexy as ever, peameal bacon wrapped in dulse and washed down with Clamato still hits the spot, and hearing the opening strains of "I'm a lumberjack and I'm OK" always brings a tear to the eye.

It's just that I find the Republicans — and the heartland that supports them — deeply alluring because, well, because they seem kind of nuts. It's a way-out foreign culture, every bit as exotic as those far-flung reaches of the globe I clamour to visit.

Canadians have a tendency to think of our southern neighbours as merely heavier, prouder, louder versions of ourselves — sort of Canucks dialed up to 11. But the Republican presidential debates remind me how wrong that is.

"So though my gut reaction is to roll my eyes or worse, I instead want to learn the ways of this bizarre culture."

Usually, American TV misleads us, since it's made by liberal places that most urban Canadians find easy to swallow, like New York and Hollywood.

Watching the American TV programs I did growing up, I believed that any young American tadpole (The Muppet Show) can admit to being gay (Ellen) but continue movin' on up (The Jeffersons) until he can afford a New York loft apartment that would cost more than the Iraq invasion (Friends).

On most American TV, the U.S. seems like Canada with better temperatures and thinner people.

But the Republican debates show me a culture so different I barely comprehend it. People applaud the mention of the death penalty. Nobody seems to know what taxes are for. Rick Santorum is seen as a normal person.

This is a place I want to learn about. If this were any other continent, I'd be deeply interested. I'd want to understand.

So though my gut reaction is to roll my eyes or worse, I instead want to learn the ways of this bizarre culture.

I want to see heartland America — more Jerry Falwell, less Jerry Seinfeld. More Bible Belt, which holds up the britches of the nation. Less San Francisco, where pants are optional.

This will require research, so I plan to watch a lot of bad television, eat free-range beef and drink beer, as befits my current, close-minded understanding of heartland America.

Come to think of it, I've been researching to be an American all my life.

I'm gonna melt right in.

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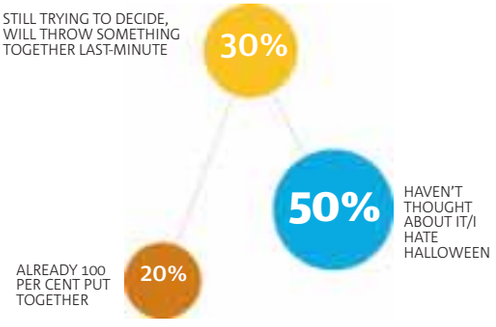
How far along are you in preparing your Halloween costume?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20%

Local tweets

- **@teenaabalak:** Pumpkin pie blizzard, ice cream slurpee & snack wrap time to go for a run right meowww #fatassproblems
- **@darenmillard:** Sent Jets gm a note regarding a report @EKane9JETS had asked to be dealt cheveldayoff said it's the first he's heard of it.
- **@obdthor:** I've said it before. I'm an a--. However, I rarely take shots at someone out of malice. It's all in fun. Believe me, I can take it as well.
- **@randyfrykas:** taking a mid-afternoon edit break to go play hockey #freelance4life
- **@xoalanamarie:** I just saw a sign on the corner of concordia and molson #Winnipeg "Sex addicition counselling". #freal
- **@AMNSSIDHU:** Soo many weirdos on the bus.
- **@Brittanymaria:** To the four guys yelling "Occupy Winnipeg!" while standing on the walkway by Bryce Hall/Wesley: You look like freaks.
- **@pseudohistorian:** Seeing @WilliamShatner on the #ShatnerTour was everything I hoped for and more--hilarious, wide-ranging, personal, and surprisingly moving.

Letters

RE: Ottawa Done, published Oct. 25

Done" to the CPC for living up to their promise to rid us of the ineffective and expensive long-gun registry. Hopefully this is only step one in the process of ridding Canada of other such failed and failing social engineering projects. It's a refreshing change to have some common sense coming out of Ottawa.

MR. KEN DECARLE
GABRIOLA ISLAND, B.C.

RE: Lesbian couple turfed from Timmies, published Oct. 25

I do not understand why the lesbian couple did not apologize to customers of Tim Hortons for making out in a public space, in the first place.

I am more than sure that the Tim Hortons staff was aware what this couple was doing and unfortunately did nothing about it until other customers started to complain. I am more than sure, that it was not done at first out of fear.

No one should have the right to bother others if one does not want to be sued by them for discrimination on a base of their sexual orientation and they use it to whole extent.

BOZENNA SIEDLECKA
PORT MOODY, B.C.

photo of the day

▶ This photo, titled Hidden Beauty, was submitted to the Fashion category by nejlaskaratas from The Netherlands.

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WEIRD NEWS

Earth invaded by Lego man

▶ "I am here to discover and learn about your world and thoughts," the figure's website says.

The sight of an eight-foot-tall Lego man evokes the paranormal and the unexplained, according to beachgoers on the Siesta Key Beach.

The statue, with the grammatically incorrect phrase "No real than you are" written on its chest, was discovered early Tuesday morning in Sarasota, Fla., according to the Daily Mail.

"I figured he probably fell down from up above somewhere," one man told Tampa Bay 10 News.

"I kind of think it was from the UFO people," a female passerby told the news station.

The Washington Post reported Ego Leonard, the name on the back of the statue, could also be the artist responsible for the prank. The Sarasota Herald-Tribune emailed the artist for a comment, and his reply came back written as if it was from the Lego man himself. ● METRO

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Penny saved, album earned

Travelling on the cheap helped to inspire Elliott Brood ◆ Playing at the West End Centre

BACKSTAGE PASS

JARED STORY
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On their first European tour in 2007, Elliott Brood drove the backroads of France, simply to avoid the country's expensive tollways. The cheap route accidently inspired the Toronto trio's current album Day into Years — released in September on Paper Bag Records.

"It took us through Normandy and we ended up at Juno Beach," Casey Laforet says, joined in the band by Mark Sasso and Stephen Pitkin. "It's kind of spiritual because I've always been fascinated by what it must have been like to be sent to your death. We arrived at Juno Beach in the morning, around 8 a.m., which would have been relevant to the time the invasion happened. You smell the sea and can just imagine what it would have been like."

Partly recorded in Avening Town Hall, a former army barracks in Avening, Ont., the band's third full-length album contains 10 tracks partially inspired by Canada's involvement in the First and Second World Wars.

With heavy and sometimes dark subject matter, Elliott Brood felt it necessary to amplify its alt-country sound.

"We thought it was important to thicken it up a bit," Laforet says.

"Over the period of writing the songs I had picked up an electric guitar, so that got on the record. The mood of the record required a fuller sound. The songs required a bit more meat, so that's what they got. They got fed. They're fat."

So far, the amplified approach is a success. Days into Years is receiving similar praise to Elliott Brood's sophomore effort Mountain Meadows, an album that was shortlisted for the 2009 Polaris Music Prize. Some critics have even compared Days into Years to the work of Neil Young and Crazy Horse.

"That means more to me than anything," Laforet says.

"I'm a huge fan of the crunch Crazy Horse can put together, as well as their sound and song writing. I'm pretty proud of that comparison. It's very flattering."

Elliott Brood brings Days into Years to the West End Cultural Centre on Saturday. Toronto alt-country act $100 will open the show.

Tickets are $20 at the venue, Music Trader, Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store and Ticketmaster or $25 at the door. Showtime is 8 p.m.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Elliott Brood's new album, Days Into Years, was inspired by travelling Europe on the cheap.

2 scene

Walking Dead

AMC network said on Tuesday that its hit zombie drama, Walking Dead, just two weeks into a second season, will be returning for a third season. Sunday's episode drew an audience of 6.7 million viewers for the early airing

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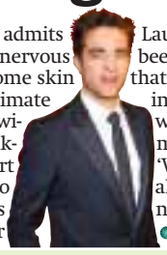

Robert Pattinson admits that he was nervous about showing some skin in the more intimate scenes of the Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1, thanks in no small part to his co-star Taylor Lautner. "I had never been so worried about that before, but after seeing how much Taylor works out for the movies, I thought, 'Well, everybody is really going to judge me now.'" METRO

BOOZE KILLED AMY

THE WORD

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▶ Amy Winehouse

It wasn't drugs that killed Amy Winehouse. It was tons and tons of booze.

It was announced yesterday by a legal inquest looking into the death of the singer that she had more than five times the legal driving limit of alcohol in her blood when she died on July 23 at age 27, Reuters reports. Her death was deemed "death by misadventure" by British coroner Suzanne Greenaway, who explains that the singer died because of excessive drinking, according to the Evening Standard.

Even more tragic?

The London hearing states the singer had not drank alcohol that month until the day before it killed her. She had no illegal substances in her system when she died.

Not to make light of Winehouse's tragic demise but you have to shake your head at the Brit-speak. "Death by misadventure" makes it sound like she was swinging on a vine and then fell into a crocodile pit, right?

Aniston sets record straight

Tells Hello she's not getting married Not pregnant, either

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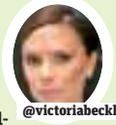
▶ Jennifer Aniston

Jennifer Aniston is speaking out about her personal life, chatting with Hello magazine to clear up a couple of rumours. "Rumour number one: I am not planning to get married any time soon," says Aniston, who is currently dating Justin Theroux. "I've been married once, and I don't know if I'll get married again. But I can tell you that as of this very moment, I have no plan to get married. Got that?" Of course, that wasn't all she wants to clear up. "And rumour number two, we're not pregnant," she says, addressing speculation about her weight. "It's just I quit smoking, so I've gained a couple of pounds." METRO

Celebrity tweets



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"Gaddafi may have been worth $200 billion when he was killed. Even more tragic, he was just 2 days away from retirement."

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How does the Versace for H&M 'greatest hits' collection stack up against the real thing?
Metro's Kenya Hunt compares the high street clothes, which are based on the luxury brand's past collections, with the expensive originals.

When you consider that they all tend to follow the same formula, it's hard to believe that collaborations between famous designers and mass market brands can still generate the level of excitement that Donatella Versace's new collection for H&M has.

Each launch, without fail, comes with the shiny 'Greatest hits!' label attached.

But let's be honest; shoppers want dresses that scream designer, not chintzy knockoff — as in, "Are people staring at me because they think this is the real thing or because my skirt looks flammable?" Frankly, there haven't been a whole lot of high-low collaborations that have struck the right balance.

So with that in mind, we compare H&M's latest with a few standouts from the Versace archives.

CATWALKING

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This dress, which is straight from the SS'12 show, has that "just off the runway" feeling. The H&M version may not have the leather strips and asymmetry that the catwalk dress does, but it impressively nails the maximal, studded to the Gods look of the original.

CATWALKING

2

Donatella replaces the original's Greek key pattern — a trademark of the Versace house that appears on other items in the H&M collection — with graphic hearts. The patterned fringing and cut-out shoulders are just right.

CATWALKING

3

These tropical trousers will make a colourful alternative to the festive cocktail dress for your office holiday party. That said, the H&M incarnation out-Versace's the Versace pants in loudness, even if they are missing the little baroque patterned trim at the hem.

CATWALKING

4

On paper, the two are nearly identical. The flashy buckle and gilt waistband are there. But the H&M belt may turn silver after a few too many wears.

The grade

As far as greatest hits collections go, the H&M line feels more like new Versace than old. But it does a great job of recreating the brand's money-is-no-object look by steering clear of fancy fabrics that are impossible to re-do on the cheap and sticking with the fun details that make the garments stand out in the first place. That said, maybe just steer clear of the gold accessories.

3 life

Fiction to fashion

TATTOO LINE

Swedish fashion retailer H&M says it will release a collection of clothes inspired by the rebellious character Lisbeth Salander in Stieg Larsson's bestselling crime novel The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fashion icon Margit Brandt dies; instrumental in breakthrough for Danish fashion

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@Jeanne_Beker:
When it comes to Halloween partying, should we dress for STYLE or COMFORT? And what is scarier: having bad style...or being uncomfortable?

- **@MrsMurray_at_FT:** It's scarier to have bad style, always.
- **@Jeanne_Beker:** SO, if it's a SCARY "costume" we're after, I guess just exercise BAD TASTE!
- **@ynq25335:** Comfort is important to me; would never wear anything too bare, feathers, high shoes, heavy mask or hot costume, accessories :)
- **@Jeanne_Beker:** Yeah, that could really ruin a fun time, eh?
- **@dangoodbaum:** more importantly: sexy or scary? I say Amish costume beats sexy nurse hands down.
- **@Jeanne_Beker:** Both those looks sound equally scary if you ask me...

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Not-so-heavy metal

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"Metallic eye shadows tend to be less tightly pressed than other finishes," notes M.A.C senior artist Melissa Gibson.

"For more control, use a compact, short-haired brush to press powder into place. A moist base also increases staying power."

Hanoch Drori, a makeup artist from So You Think You Can Dance Canada, says to avoid eye areas with heavier creases.

"You'll get best results if you apply metallics where the skin is smoothest, such as the centre lid and under the brows."

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- $255, netaporter.com

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ASOS belted dress
- $78, asos.com

KENYA HUNT

On-the-mend trend

Lost art of mending gains new following for reasons economic and environmental And it ain't just for gals

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▶ Sean O'Driscoll fixes his pants pockets at the Brooklyn chapter of Sewing Rebellion in New York.

"If you can drive a car, you can drive this," says Maya Valladares as I press the sewing machine pedal to the floor and complete my first stitch.

After years of having holes in my pants pockets, I am finally learning to fix one.

The process is more complicated than I suspected: Carefully cutting through three layers of stitches to remove the pocket lining requires the precision and patience of a surgeon. When I finally get the lining out, Valladares puts her palm underneath it and says, "See? You can see my hand through it — cheap cotton, shredded to pieces." But that's no reason to buy new pants.

This is my first class with Sewing Rebellion, a group with chapters springing up across the U.S. Its aim is to promote the reuse and repair of clothing as a way to fight consumer waste. The group offers free classes on darning socks, sewing buttons or, for the more advanced, repurposing an old shirt or refitting a dress.

"I wanted to honour the labour that created these clothes. We buy clothes cheaply and throw them away. We don't see the worker who put all that effort into creating it."
CAROLE LUNG-BAZILE
CREATOR OF SEWING REBELLION

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In Brooklyn, it provided use of sewing machines, needles and thread, and offered instruction and almost infinite patience for beginners. Run by a dyeing instructor at the Textile Arts Center, it even provided the onions, rusty nails, wine and chai tea used as natural dyes.

Valladares herself hasn't bought any new clothes in more than two years.

"A guilty energy develops — you stop buying because of the waste, and you can't go back to the way you were," she says.

But is it for men? I'm the only male among 12 women in this New York group.

"I can't believe it," says Valladares as she reshapes my pocket. "A roomful of women? And guys aren't interested?"

Maybe if sewing were pitched to men as rugged survivalism, it might attract more interest. "Definitely, if men could see it that way, they would show up," says Valladares. "They should see it as a survival tool."

Sewing Rebellion was created by Carole Lung-Bazile of Los Angeles to, well, sow rebellion against consumerism with the slogan "Use it up! Wear it out! Make it do!"

Besides protecting the planet, says Lung-Bazile, "I wanted to honour the labour that created these clothes. We buy clothes cheaply and throw them away. We don't see the worker who put all that effort into creating it."

Other groups are sprouting up across the country, including Hacking Couture in New York City and Stitchy in Chicago. Participants are often drawn by a desire for camaraderie, increased environmental awareness and, of course, economic hard times.

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She's sew smart

Lung-Bazile, who takes the mock-heroic name Frau Fiber when promoting Sewing Rebellion, has a history in the fabric industry.

- She worked for 15 years for a small bridal house in Lancaster, Pa., before losing her job during an economic slump.
- "I was assistant designer, production manager, I hired the models. I did it all. I really got to know the clothing industry and what it takes to get those clothes to you," she says.

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pops of colour

Spicy autumn colours are all the trend ◗ Add small kicks of deep purple, brick red, rich pinks or burnt orange

DESIGN CENTRE

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As we prepare to welcome fall into our homes, we can officially leave the light, breezy tones of summer behind and turn to the deeper shades of the upcoming winter season.

The classic colours associated with autumn are burnt oranges, brick reds, dark plums and deep cranberries.

Bright, crisp colours feel less fashionable now and the colours of fall are dramatic, strong and exotically sophisticated.

Some may recognize these trendy tones as those that defined decor of the '70s and '80s (remember rust corduroy sofas and E-ZBrick faux walls?) but what goes around rarely comes back the same way.

Deep reds and rusty oranges have reappeared in more formal textures like silk, rather than the casual corduroy and heavy fabrics of their past lives.

Warm greys and cool taupes are still the ultimate neutral, but pops of spiced colour on a focal point or accessory are fun ways to bring in colour without a major commitment.

Adding small kicks of deep purple, brick red, rich pinks or dark orange to an accent wall, patterned pillow, glass lamp, or two side chairs in a living room can make a big impact with the trends.

The best way to incorporate the sophisticated drama of fall's hottest hues is to contain it to small areas around your space.

Come see me!

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WEST ELM

▶ Kilim upholstered sofa adds fall's rich purple and red in an exotic way. Kilim Sofa, West Elm

Paint the inside walls of a coat closet in a bold, high-gloss colour and get a big burst of shine every time you open the door.

Perk up forgotten spaces like small ceiling areas in an entryway or powder room and add punch by simply painting your linen closet door a strong trend colour.

Beyond walls and ceilings, furniture can also be updated with a dash of drama.

The interior of an armoire or china cabinet could be painted or wallpapered to leave just a hint of colour and texture peeking through.

BENJAMIN MOORE

▶ Benjamin Moore's Rhubarb is fall's go-to fashion colour.

High-gloss provides sheen and shine, allowing hits of colour to really stand out while adding glamour.

Consider reupholstering your dining room seat cushions a rich purple, rust or cranberry to add a surprise of colour when dining.

BENJAMIN MOORE

▶ An accent wall painted Benjamin Moore's Rhubarb can warm up a neutral space.

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Want to turn your humble abode into a haunted house? Lifestyle expert Kelly Moore offers easy tips for eerie entertaining this Halloween.

Mummify your chairs
"Using tea bags and warm water, stain several rolls of white gauze to make it look like they've been buried underground for years. Simply wrap the chairs with the gauze and secure it in place using poster strips."

Create a centrepiece with freaky literature
"Stack scary old books such as Frankenstein and Dracula on tables and benches in the home. Add a few candles on top of the stack to help add height and dimension."

Invoke abandoned mansion chic "Stretch out thin layers of cotton and secure it in place using Command mini hooks. Then add plastic spiders and other creepy crawlers."

Make eerie mood lighting
"Cut Halloween shapes, such as cats and bats, out of black construction paper. Then adhere them to the inside of an inexpensive lampshade using poster strips. When the lamp is turned on, spooky shadows will illuminate the room."

Craft fun pumpkins

Why opt for a typical jack-o'-lantern?

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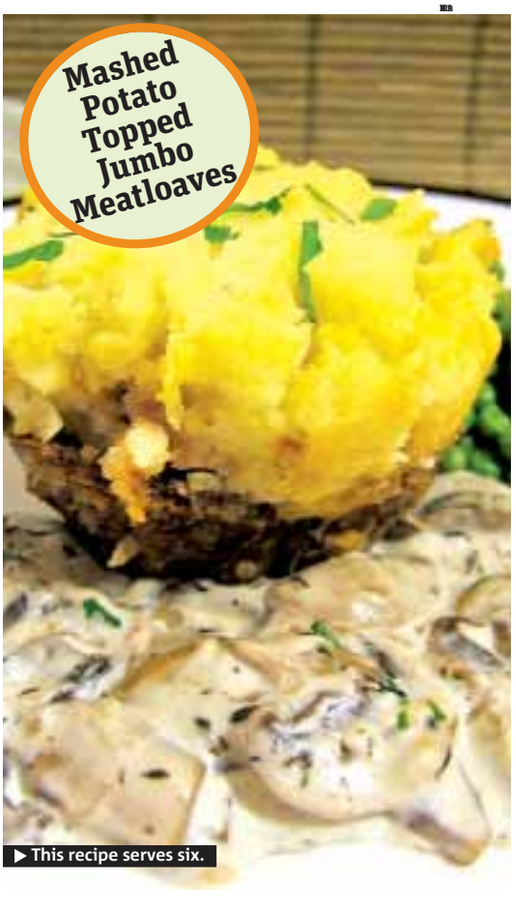

▶ This recipe serves six.

▶ These recipes prove the side dish can be the star of the show ▶ Try topping meatloaves with the starch

DINNER EXPRESS

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Sometimes, meat isn't your only leftover. If you have a pot of leftover mashed potatoes, try these Mashed Potato Topped Jumbo Meatloaves.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Half yellow pepper, diced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano leaves
- ½ tsp (2 mL) dried thyme
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ½ cup (125 mL) beef broth
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) seasoned dry breadcrumbs
- ¼ cup (50 mL) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Pinch each salt, pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
- 2 cups (500 mL) leftover mashed potatoes

Mushroom Sauce

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter
- 1 pkg (8 oz) button mushrooms, thinly sliced
- ½ tsp (2 mL) dried thyme
- Pinch each salt, pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) all purpose flour
- ½ cup (125 mL) each beef broth and 18 % table cream

Preparation:

1. In bowl, mash potatoes and ¼ cup (50 mL) of the broth; set aside.
2. In skillet over medium heat, melt butter and cook shallots, garlic, pepper, oregano and thyme for about 3 mins. or until softened. Let cool slightly.
3. In bowl, combine egg, remaining broth, breadcrumbs, cheese, salt and pepper. Add beef and shallot mixture and mix with until combined.
4. Divide mixture among 6 lightly sprayed jumbo muffin tins and press down slightly to flatten. Top each with about 1/3 cup (75 mL) of the mashed potatoes. Bake in centre of 375 F (190 C) oven 35 mins. or until meat thermometer reaches an internal temperature of 160 F (75 C) and meat is no longer pink inside.
5. Sauce: Return skillet to medium high heat and melt butter. Cook mushrooms, thyme, salt and pepper 10 mins. or until liquid evaporates. Stir in flour and cook, 1 min. Pour in broth and cream and bring to a simmer. Simmer 3 mins. or until slightly thickened. Serve with meatloaves. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

▶ Stray from stir-fry staples by using potatoes instead of noodles or rice ▶ Employ fall veggies

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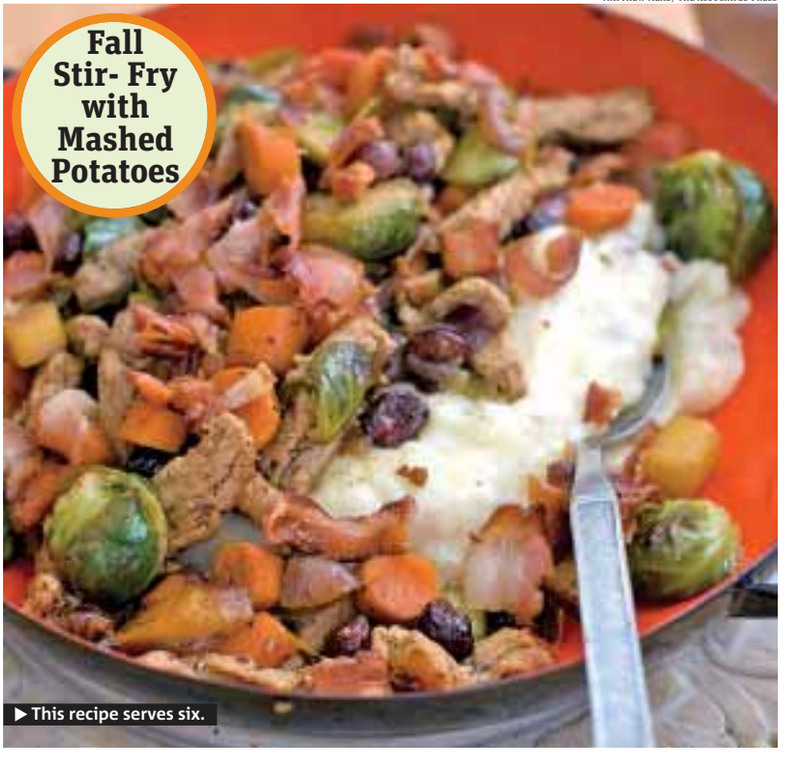

▶ This recipe serves six.

Preparation:

1. In a large, deep skillet over medium-high, cook bacon until crisp, about 5 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer bacon to a paper towel-lined plate to drain, leaving fat in skillet. Over medium-high, add pork strips and sear to brown, about 2 minutes. Transfer pork to a plate; set aside.
2. Reduce heat to medium; add onion, sage and cinnamon. Cook for 5 minutes or until onion begins to brown at edges. Add carrots and brussels sprouts and sauté for 5 to 6 minutes or until starting to brown. Add broth, then cover and cook for 10 minutes.
3. Return pork to pan, add cranberries, then cook, uncovered, for another 5 to 6 minutes or until pork has a hint of pink in centre. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve over mashed potatoes, crumbling bacon on top.

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Ingredients:

- 250 g (8 oz) side bacon strips
- 340 g (12 oz) pork tenderloin, cut into thin strips
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried sage l

leaves
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 500 g (1 lb) carrots, peeled and cut in 1-cm (1/2-inch) chunks
- 500 g (1 lb) brussels

sprouts, quartered
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chicken broth
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cranberries
- Salt and black pepper
- Mashed potatoes, to serve

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Go Mad for vintage

Costumes inspired by TV shows, such as Mad Men and Pan Am, will prove to be popular this year

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Halloween is the only time of year when it's acceptable to dress like Lady Gaga, so we say throw your sense of taste to the winds and let loose. Whether you craft your costume from scratch or buy it pre-made, here are some suggestions from the zeitgeist and the 2011 Value Village Halloween Shopping Survey to help get your creative juices flowing:

▶ Christina Ricci as Maggie Ryan in Pan Am.

Classics revisited

Movies in 2011 are crawling with some serious Halloween costume fodder. Movie makers this year had a field day with pirates, vampires, wizards, mutants and robots. Watch for twists on these classic costumes, inspired by top-grossing franchises released this year including Pirates of the Caribbean, True Blood, Twilight, Harry Potter, X-Men, and Transformers. New versions of kids' classics Winnie the Pooh, The Smurfs and The Muppets will also be popular choices for all ages.

Reality TV

Watch costume stores this year for sparkly Dancing With the Stars garb, and, as fascination with Jersey Shore shows no signs of slowing, a rash of leopard print and Snookie wigs as well as gold chains plus ab-bearing tank tops á la The Situation.

Vintage looks

Or take advantage of the popular sexy mid-century looks that have seeped into television and fashion this fall. You will probably partake in a glass of witch's brew with more than a few impeccably dressed Don Drapers and Joan Holloways á la Mad Men, or alongside '60s air hostesses channelling Christina Ricci's hit new show Pan Am.

Spooky home décor tips

STEPHANIE ORFORD
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Decorating the home for Halloween is a great way to have fun with family and friends.

Michaels Craft Stores has helpful webisodes where creative expert Jo Pearson demonstrates how to make Halloween décor that's affordable, easy and cute. Here are some of her suggestions:

Mummy Door Greeter

Entertain your trick-or-treaters with a cute mummy door greeter. Wearing disposable plastic gloves, stack and secure three craft pumpkins with a glue gun. Insert dowel rods as arms. Wrap the pumpkins and rods with plaster wrap — cut one 30-centimetre strip of wrap at a time, quickly dip it in water, then wrap it. Add some googly eyes with hot glue, putting small pieces of plaster around them to create a wrapped look. Finish by wrapping it with cheese cloth and lightly brushing very diluted dark paint over the mummy to make it look old.

HEMERA/THINKSTOCK

▶ Create a tempting table of treats by filling glass jars with candy, while wrapping glasses with white tape can give them the mummy look.

Day of the Dead Head Cake

The kit, available at Michaels, makes a beautiful fondant-covered cake with the shape and bright colours of a skull from Mexico's Day of the Dead.

Freaky Frames

Halloween up your picture frames by coating them with scrapbook paper and adding glitter paint, rhinestones and feathers.

Candy Buffet

Create a tempting table of treats by decorating glass apothecary jars and filling them with the candy of your choice. Choose candy of all shapes, sizes and colours to give the spread extra variety, and use candy moulds to make chocolate in all sorts of ghastly forms. Drinking glasses can be wrapped with white tape and finished off with stick-on googly eyes to give your beverages the mummy look.

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They'll be gone 'til November

▶ Jets Johnny Oduya, from left, Alexander Burmistrov, Nik Antropov and Evander Kane celebrate Antropov's goal against the New York Rangers in Winnipeg on Monday.

Jets hope to find cohesion heading into longest road trip of season

The Winnipeg Jets will have to be road warriors if they want to escape the depths of the Eastern Conference.

Tonight, the 2-5-1 Jets kick off a seven-game road trip — their longest of the season — in Philadelphia. The trip also includes two games in Florida, three in the New York City area and a finale in Buffalo.

The Jets are 0-3-1 and have been outscored 16-8 in four games away from the MTS Centre. But head coach Claude Noel says he hasn't seen much difference between his team's play at home and away.

"I think we've played fairly well on the road," Noel said after practice yesterday. "We just haven't won. The only thing we need to do is play with a little more discipline and continue playing the same way. We'll get our results that we're looking for."

By the time the Jets play their next home game on Nov. 10, nearly one-fifth of the season will be in the books. With five points through their first eight games, they sit last in the Eastern Conference after Montreal's 5-1 win over the Flyers last night.

Still Noel isn't about to overstate the importance of the sequence away from home.

"I don't look at this road trip as a make it or break it," the coach said. "You've got 82 games you've got to play, and you're going to go through pockets of adversity during the season. We have to play well and we have to get some results, and this is a good place for us to start."

Alexander Burmistrov, the 20-year-old forward who leads the team with seven points, said getting away from the local media attention in Winnipeg could help the team relax.

"Sometimes you focus too much on (what you hear on) the radio," Burmistrov said. "On the road you can just cool down and be ready for the game.

"The pressure is on us a lot. We've lost lots of games, so we just need to go in there, (keep it) simple and win the game."

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JETS | FLYERS

- **Time:** 6 p.m.
  TV: TSN-Jets
  Radio: TSN Radio 1290
- The Jets face a Flyers squad without defensive stalwart Chris Pronger, who took a stick to the eye Monday in a 4-2 win over Toronto. Pronger's absence won't chang the Jets focus. "They know how to win. Even without Pronger they're a strong team," said coach Claude Noel.

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"It's fun to get out on the road sometimes and see some different cities. We've got some time in Florida to spend together and do some team stuff so that should be good."

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Series delayed in soggy St. Louis

Game 6 of the World Series was postponed yesterday because of a wet forecast, delaying the Texas Rangers' bid to clinch their first championship.

Major League Baseball announced the decision about 4 ½ hours before the Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals were set to play. At the time, no rain had fallen at Busch Stadium, but heavy precipitation was expected.

Texas leads the Series 3-2. Game 6 was rescheduled for tonight at 7:05 p.m. If necessary, Game 7 will be played tomorrow night.

"Because of the forecast, there was no reason to wait any longer," said Joe Torre, MLB's executive vice-president of baseball operations.

Torre said he told managers Ron Washington of Texas and Tony La Russa of St. Louis yesterday that if the forecast didn't change, MLB would postpone Game 6 early.

Rain was in "every forecast we had probably for the last three days," Torre said at a news conference. "They were all consistent there was going to be rain during the game."

Colby Lewis was set to start for Texas, with Jaime Garcia ready to go for the Cardinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Workers roll a tarp at Busch Stadium in St. Louis yesterday.

Game 7 scenarios

The extra day may lead to more intrigue over who will pitch for St. Louis should the Series go to Game 7.

- Rangers manager Ron Washington already has said Matt Harrison would start.
- Kyle Lohse would be on regular rest but has struggled in the playoffs for the Cardinals. Chris Carpenter, who allowed two runs in seven innings in Game 5, has volunteered on short rest.

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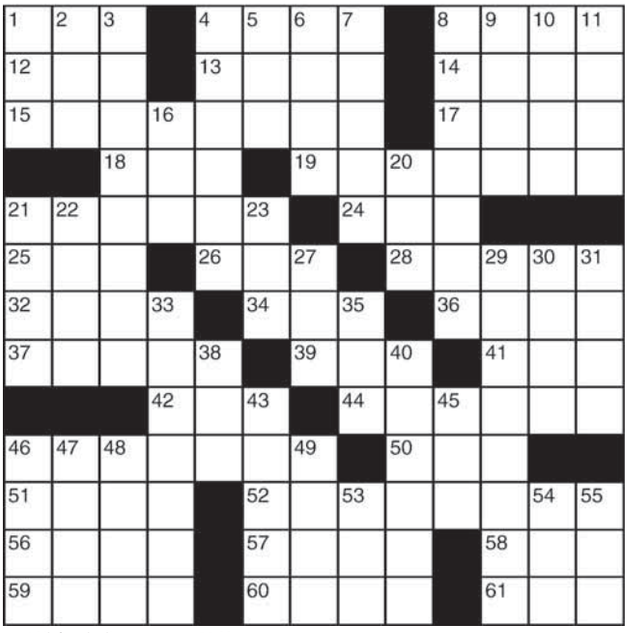

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21 Those who shun animal products
24 Yuletide beverage
25 Listener
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28 Hayseed
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36 Queen of Carthage
37 Madagascar critter
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42 Storm center
44 "In Cold Blood" author
46 Rues
50 Huge
51 Berry touted as a superfood
52 Type of 3-D image
56 Collins or Donahue
57 Eastern bigwig
58 Hearty brew
59 Carry
60 Agts.
61 Speedometer stat

Down

1 "Of course"
2 Past
3 Decorative lettering
4 High-priority
5 Anderson's "High — "
6 Oriental nursemaid
7 Confine
8 Nearly divine one
9 The yoke's on them
10 Foundered
11 Ostriches' kin
16 Man-mouse link
20 Bliss
21 — scallopini
22 Relaxation
23 Baltimore newspaper
27 Jazzy style
29 Mass measure
30 Tend texts
31 Source of riches
33 Childish
35 Buddy
38 Catcher's place
40 Hercules had 12
43 Old anesthetic
45 Glutton
46 Engrossed
47 Reverberate
48 Pace
49 Unspecified amount
53 Back talk
54 Matterhorn, e.g.
55 Expression of disinterest

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Handsome,
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Avoid other people's quarrels today because you could find yourself drawn in deeper than you'd like.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's not like you to seek approval but for some reason you crave the support of partners today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 At some point today, you'll realize you must stop what you are doing and reassess priorities. Be selective.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You don't have to be cynical today but you do have to watch out for Number One – that's you.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You don't have to face each and every situation alone. There are people you can turn to for support and advice.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't let your feelings get the better of you today. Above all, don't get taken in by a tale of woe.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 A lot is going on in your world but don't let it distract you from your main aim: improving your cash flow.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It's OK to be angry with someone who has let you down but it's not OK to let it gnaw at you relentlessly.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your confidence may be at a low ebb but it is only a passing phase.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't have to go along with what other people suggest. You have a mind of your own.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The Sun in Scorpio at this time of year can either make or break your reputation, depending on how clear your aims are.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Any offer that sounds too good to be true most likely is a trick or an illusion. SALLY BROMPTON

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